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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR § 1.499**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This correspondence is responsive to the Office Action in the instant application mailed September 5, 2003, in which Applicant is directed to restrict the application to one of the following claim groups:

Group I – claims 96-107

Group II – claims 108-119

Group III – claims 120-131.

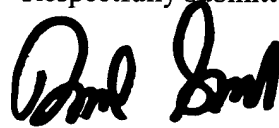
Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 96-107.

Please note the new Attorney Docket Number above as 1249-US.

This response is believed to be timely filed, and no additional fees are believed due. However, The United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 501380 any fee which is necessary in connection with the filing of this response.

Favorable action on this response is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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